

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

**ABSTRACT:**

An immunological oral tolerance-inducing composition for prevention and/or treatment of atherosclerosis, comprising an active component selected from the group consisting of modified low density lipoprotein, oxidized low density lipoprotein (Ox LDL), heat shock protein 60/65 (HSP 60/65), beta<sub>2</sub>-glycoprotein-1 (beta<sub>2</sub>GP-1), functional derivatives thereof and mixtures thereof, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for oral administration, ~~the composition being formulated for inducing oral tolerance.~~